

Pins Are Set for Three-Year-Old Racer of Speed and Stamina to Eclipse Sysonby's Great Record in 1920

GREAT RACE HORSE MAY WIN FORTUNE

Nearly \$200,000 Awaits Colt That Can Sweep the Turf in 1920.

MAN O' WAR'S CHANCE

Never So Many Rich Stakes in History of American Racing.

By GURNEY C. GEE.

With the added money in the Kentucky Derby raised to \$30,000 and other stakes for three-year-olds increased in value all along the line a colt well engaged and keen enough to sweep the board next season might win more money than any one of his age in the history of the American turf. Just how much he would have to win to beat the record is perhaps uncertain, since the turf guides and racing manuals contain no such statistics relating to three-year-olds. With a going back further than last season, however, Sir Barton's earnings of \$58,000 make a formidable mark to shoot at. But Sysonby's total in 1915 must have been about \$125,000, and probably constitutes a record for colts of his age.

In view of the large amount of money in sight Man o' War's campaign as a three-year-old will be followed with unusual interest by turfmen all over the country. He was in a class by himself among two-year-olds last season, and was generally regarded as one of the best of his age ever seen.

The records of racing show unmistakably that two-year-olds are a very valuable indication of what may be expected of a three-year-old, but there was something about the great son of Fair Play and Mahubah which seemed to convince a good many horsemen that the colt was something more than a mere indication of his future. He had but one hard race. He came out of it without any sign of having been overtaxed, and when he had won the Futurity he was promptly re-bought, apparently as fresh and sound as when he ran his first race in June.

Man o' War fulfills the rare promise of his first season on the turf by picking up \$30,000 or \$35,000 in the Derby at Louisville in May, and then go to Baltimore, as Sir Barton did last year, to win the Preakness Stakes, worth about \$25,000. In New York City the Withers, worth approximately \$8,000; the Belmont, worth \$12,000; and the Dwyer, worth \$6,000, are plums worth picking up on the way to Saratoga.

A really great campaigner might do what Johnnie did in 1918, and by making a quick trip from New York to Covington and back in June, place his credit in the Kentucky Derby, worth \$25,000, or more, before the opening of the Spring.

There the historic Travers might add \$10,000 more to his string before coming back to Belmont Park in September to compete for the Realization, of about \$10,000. He would then be a two-year-old, worth \$10,000 or more to the winner, but Man o' War is not among the entries.

There is a total of approximately \$125,000 to be won in ten races by a three-year-old without once going out of his class and without doing as much as some of the old time thoroughbreds were asked to do at that age. A colt that outdistanced his competitors at Saratoga, won the Kentucky Derby, the Belmont, the Withers, and that had the campaigning qualities of Spendthrift, Man o' War's great-grandson, might pick up earnings to eclipse those of Sysonby, whose total of \$125,000 as a two-year-old now tops the record for horses of all ages on the American turf.

Spendthrift started eight times as a three-year-old in 1919, winning five races and running second in the other three, in one of which the Withers, he was pulled double to let his stable companion, Dan Sparling, win. This race was run on May 31 at Jerome Park, and was won by Spendthrift, with Belmont Stakes, then one mile and a half, defeating Monitor and other cracks. Five days later at the same meeting he won the Dan Torillard Stakes at one mile and three-quarters, beating Harold, Monitor, Dan Sparling and a lot of others in what was for years referred to as the greatest performance ever made by a three-year-old in America. At Monmouth Park on July 8 he won the Jerome Derby at one mile and a half, and ten days later was in Saratoga, starting against Palesotto for the Travers Stakes at one mile and three-quarters, when he won from the effects of a kick. Though beaten by a great horse he came back after an interval of three days and re-won the contest in the Kenner Stakes, a one mile and three-quarters race, at Monmouth Park on August 23 he won the Champion Stakes at one mile and a half, defeating Bramble and others of high class, and on October 2 he won the first of his great victories by running second to Monitor in the Jerome Stakes, at one mile and three-quarters.

This campaign, though far more severe than any twenty century three-year-old is ever asked to endure, was mild and indulgent by comparison with that of Luke Blackburn in the following year. After having started thirteen times as a two-year-old and winning only twice, the stout son of Bonnie Scott came out early in the spring of 1919 and started in twenty-four races, twenty-two of which he won, meeting and beating not only the best three-year-olds but some of the best aged horses of his time at distances up to two miles.

It is semi-officially reported that Man o' War will not start in the Kentucky Derby, entries to which close on Tuesday, but the bluegrass horsemen are better to some extent convinced by a writer, Samuel D. Riddle, that he will be entered to let his great colt stay in the barn when "the race of the year" is run.

WHAT PARI-MUTUEL DOES FOR RACING

\$366,000 Added to Kentucky and Maryland Stakes.

What the pari-mutuel system of betting has done for racing in Kentucky is shown by the list of twenty-five stakes just announced for the spring meetings at Lexington, Louisville and Covington, with added money aggregating \$172,500. The Kentucky Jockey Club, which now owns and operates all three stakes at Lexington, \$72,500 to the eight at Louisville and \$80,000 to the eleven early closing events at Covington.

In added money this is a larger amount than all the tracks in New York contributed to all the stakes of the metropolitan circuit last season, and the conditions of the Kentucky races are far more favorable to owners of horses than are those of the stakes thus far opened in this State.

In the Kentucky Derby, for example, it costs the owner only \$25 to nominate his colt on March 1, and this small amount keeps the entry good until the day before the race in May, when starters must pay \$250 more. The Jockey Club will add \$30,000 to the stakes and it is estimated that the winner may receive something like \$32,000 when the race is over.

In New York, where pari-mutuel betting is unlawful, the owner must pay \$25 to enter and \$100 additional to start the same colt in the same kind of a race as, for instance, the Dwyer Stakes, the guaranteed value of which is only \$6,000 and in which the association may not have to add anything to the money put up by the horse owners.

Besides being one of the most valuable races for three-year-olds ever run in America, the Kentucky Derby will this year be devoid of the penalties and allowances which in past years have lowered the character of the historic contest. All starters will be of equal scale weight, and the Derby of 1920 will be a genuine duplication of the English Derby in everything except the distance, which is a mile and a quarter at Louisville instead of a mile and a half at Epsom. The Kentucky race comes almost a month earlier than the other, however, and is perhaps fully equal to the longer one run at a later stage of the season.

The American Derby of 1919, the World's Fair year, at Washington Park, in Chicago, now stands as the richest stake on record for three-year-olds in America. It was worth \$49,500 to the winner, Bountiful, when Snapper Garrison brought the son of Harry O'Fallon through to an easy victory over St. Leonards, Clifford and the rest after the unruly horse had delayed the start an hour and a half. Mid Hatter's victory in the Kentucky Derby, a full year for three-year-olds, run last season, was worth \$44,000 net to Sam Hildreth, who controlled the colt. The first Realization Stakes, run last year at Saratoga, was won by Salvador from Tenny, was probably the most valuable stake for three-year-olds ever offered in New York. It was worth \$24,100.

The stake programme of the Maryland Jockey Club, just issued, for the spring meeting at the old Pimlico track in Baltimore is even more noteworthy than that of the Kentucky tracks as an example of what the pari-mutuel system means to the owners of race horses.

For the fifteen days of racing, beginning on May 1, the club will add in, means to the owners of race horses. Probably no other organization in the history of the American turf has equalled this sum in added money for one meeting, while none anywhere ever opened stakes and purses on more liberal terms in the matter of entering horses. There are no entrance fees at Baltimore. Even in such stakes as the Preakness, to which the club adds \$25,000, any one may nominate a three-year-old without cost when the entries close on April 1. For each horse that starts the owner must pay \$500, but the money goes to the winner of the race and not to the club.

MR. WESTON'S DEATH A BLOW TO TROTTING

Veteran Horseman Was Mainstay of Sport at Goshen.

The sudden death of Rensselaer Weston at the Roosevelt Hospital on Friday, and exclusively in New York City and NEW YORK HERALD, will be a serious blow to harness racing interests in Orange county and throughout this part of the country. Mr. Weston was the mainstay of the successful little circuit which embraced Monroe, Goshen and Middletown, and which had set a new standard for trotting meetings without betting.

When he undertook to conduct such a meeting with purses of \$1,000 each after the hostile legislation against horse racing in this State every running track and every trotting track except those at the fair was closed. With a degree of skill worthy of his old friend and backer, E. H. Harriman, he made a splendid success, financially and from a sporting point of view, of the difficult and dangerous undertaking, and thus paved the way for the reopening of other tracks, not only in this State but in New England and elsewhere.

The veteran campaigner died of pneumonia. He came to New York from Nashville on Monday last week, and was suffering from a severe cold on arrival at the Seville Hotel, where he lived when in the city. It was not until Wednesday that his friends learned of his whereabouts and his condition, and pneumonia had then set in. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been announced.

Price Paid for Tracery The Highest on Record

Measured in English Money, American Bred Race Horse Brought More Than Price Palatine.

Measured in the money of the country in which he was sold the price paid for Tracery in England last week was the largest on record for a horse of any breed. And when converted into dollars at the present abnormally low rate of exchange the \$33,000 received by August Belmont for the son of Rock Sand and Topiary amounts to \$179,670, or more than twice as much as ever was paid for any other American bred race horse. At the normal rate of exchange the price would figure out \$258,520, or \$47,520 more than was paid for Prince Palatine. The previous record for an American thoroughbred was \$70,000 for Hamburg, though Clifford A. Cochran last year agreed to give \$100,000 and other good and valuable consideration for Fair Play, an American bred horse, but the deal fell through after the buyer had gone so far as to have the valuable stallion insured for his own benefit.

In this connection it is worthy of note that Mr. Belmont or his father figured as the seller of every thoroughbred horse yet sold by an American for \$100,000 or more, and there have been three of them, without counting the deal for Fair Play, in which Mr. Belmont was again the seller. Imported St. Blaise, the Epsom Derby winner of 1883, was the first thoroughbred horse to bring \$100,000, and the only one yet sold for that amount at auction in America. He was in the dispersal sale of the Earl of Belmont's Nursery Stud and was struck off by Charles Reed of Gallatin, Tenn., on his memorable first bid of \$100,000. Rock Sand, the English Derby winner of 1903, was imported in 1908 by the present chairman of the Jockey Club at a cost of \$125,000 and sold by him to a syndicate of horsemen for export to France for \$150,000 during the suspension of racing in New York about eight years ago.

Topiary, the dam of Tracery, was also imported from England by Mr. Belmont in 1906, to breed to Rock Sand. Trap Rock, her first foal by that horse, came to racing age when there was no racing in this State, and he is now best known as the sire of Lucullus. In 1909 Topiary produced Tracery, the full brother to Trap Rock. This colt was sent to England as a yearling, but did not start until the day for the Derby of 1912, in which he finished third. Tagaris and Jaeger, with seventeen other three-year-olds behind him, he won the Doncaster St. Leger, and in his two ago.

Livery and Funeral Stock at Public Auction Tuesday, March 2, 1920 10-30 A. M. RAIN OR SHINE.

We have been commissioned by FRANCIS H. NELL to sell his entire stock and equipment on the premises—207 HURON ST. Near MANHATTAN AVE., Brooklyn.

10—Good Livery Horses—10 Among them 4 pairs blacks and 1 pair white Arabians.

One 8-column white hearse (by Duhamel), one 4-column black hearse (by United States), with black and white draperies, 5 square coaches (by Dunham & Sonner), 1 top undertaker's wagon (almost new), landau, 7 sets coach harness, blankets, robes, heaters and all stable utensils.

All to be sold in separate lots, without limit or reserve, for cash only. Private Sale, 148 East 32nd St. HENRY SCHAFER, Auctioneer. Office 86 Raymond St., Brooklyn. Tel. 1920 Main.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO BE SOLD AT Durland's Riding Academy

5 WEST 66TH ST. At Sale, THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 4, 1920

The Property of Mr. A. W. ATKINSON of Merchantville, N. J.

Betsy Ross Chestnut Saddle Mare, 15.1½ hands, 6 years.

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200 Horses at Auction ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, AT 11 A. M. on the premises of the BERGEN HORSE COMPANY 515 Communipaw Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

20 Seasoned horses, consigned by a large concern, weighing from 1,200 to 1,600 pounds; ready to go right into hard work.
28 Horses consigned by L. Talbot Walsh, Ind.; a lot of good big rugged horses, weighing up to a ton; the kind rarely offered at auction.
100 Seasoned horses from local Hudson county owners; always some rare bargains among them.
28 Fresh horses consigned by Dr. T. A. Bova, Chardon, Iowa, some fancy farm chunks; also some big rugged horses—not fat, but ready for immediate use.
E. C. BURDICK—AUCTIONEERS—PETER PETERSEN

SEEN AND HEARD IN HORSE MARKET

A. W. Atkinson to Sell Show Horses at Durland's.

John L. Goodwin, manager of A. W. Atkinson's big stable of show horses, has commissioned William Durland to sell the well known winners General Pershing and Betsy Ross, that defeated all comers in the class for pairs of saddle horses at Newport last summer. The mare, a beautiful chestnut, 15½ hands high, was reserve champion at the National Capital Horse Show in Washington the first time shown. Both horses, together with the thoroughbred mare Lady, will be sold on Thursday evening at Durland's Riding Academy, where Capt. H. T. Reason's Canadian hunters, road hacks and polo ponies are to be offered at the same time.

Seasoned draught horses sold up to \$800 a pair in Monday's auction at Fias, Doerr & Carroll's, with several teams from the Consumers' Breeding Company bringing upward of \$700 under the hammer. Mr. Fias said yesterday the demand for both fresh and seasoned work horses since the big storm of February 4, exceeded anything he has seen in ten years in the old Twenty-fourth street market. "We sold eight carloads of fresh country horses last week at auction and at private sale, he remarked, and we expect to find buyers for six or seven carloads in next Monday's auction. The demand is something astonishing."

Tennessee feeders and farmers are paying unprecedented prices this winter for mules not yet two years old. Forty-eight head from Missouri were sold recently by auction in Shelbyville, Tenn., at an average of \$285. One pair brought \$1,000, and several other pairs upward of \$700. The mules are not fit to work, nor will they be ready for even light work until next year.

The Bergen Horse Company obtained fancy prices last Wednesday for the pick of the big horses brought in for their weekly auction in Jersey City by George T. Durland, Ind. C. Durland, one of the auctioneers, said yesterday he had never seen a better market for draughts.

In asking for prices on from fifty to one hundred heavy wagon horses, the J. M. Horton Ice Cream Company wrote a letter recently to Fias, Doerr & Carroll, which the Twenty-fourth street dealers thought so well of as showing the efficiency of horses in times like the present, that they have reproduced it in to-day's SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. Experiences like that of the Horton Company are probably responsible for the February boom in the horse market, which has exceeded any similar known in ten years, so the local dealers say.

Heilbrunn & Kahn brought in seven carloads of big, rugged work horses last week to supply the unusual winter demand at their stables in Eleventh avenue, near Sixty-sixth street. Most of the animals are draughts weighing from 1,700 pounds up, which are just the stamp the buyers are looking for at present. Heilbrunn & Kahn are a little out of the beaten track of the buyers, but their big stable is worth going a long way to look through just now.

Walker & Potter of Rutledge street, Brooklyn, are holding some ripping sales of work horses this winter. They sell every Tuesday and Thursday, and last week had about 150 useful seasoned chunks and wagon horses to offer.

Henry Shafer held a special sale of livery and funeral horses on Wednesday at the Raymond street auction mart in Brooklyn for Louis Johnson, who is going out of business. Mr. Shafer announces another special sale this week.

M. B. Newcomb's cozy stable at 924 Seventh avenue is filled to the doors with saddle horses, hunters, polo ponies and harness horses for the spring trade.

A. M. Stein & Co., the oldest dealers in horses in Brooklyn, are sharing in the remarkable winter trade in workers and draughts. Their Washington street stable is stocked with more than one hundred head.

Seven or eight carloads of fresh Western work horses will be sold under the hammer to-morrow at Fias, Doerr & Carroll's, according to present prospects. Henry Benson, Martin Flint and other old timers in Twenty-fourth street say the number is the largest on record for the semi-weekly horse auctions in the old Bull's Head market.

FOR SALE A HIGH CLASS PAIR OF HEAVY HARNESS HORSES OVER 15.2

Would make a great pair of wheelers for a road four, or good enough to show as a pair; go high and step on.

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